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REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-9, and 15-22 were pending. Applicant thanks the Examiner for extending the courtesy of a phone conference on August 3, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner has maintained a rejection of claims 1, 2, and 4-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over O'Callaghan in view of the non-patent literature "A Brief Catechism on the Brown Scapular (BCBS)." In response to the Office Action, and in an effort to pass the pending claims to issue, Applicant has amended claims 1 and 6 in accordance with the proposed claim amendments discussed by phone with the Examiner. Specifically, claims 1 and 6 have been amended to further clarify that the opening exposes at least one piece of wool from within a cavity, such that the wool is in physical contact with a wearer. No new matter has been added. In fact, Applicant draws the Examiners attention to page 3, paragraph [0013] in support for the amendment.

In addition, in response to the Examiners rejection of claims 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, Applicant has canceled claims 19-22. Therefore, claims 1-2, 4-9 and 15-18 remain pending. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the preceding amendments and remarks. As Applicant believes the pending claims to be patentable and allowable over the cited references, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejections.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendment and remarks, the pending application is in condition for allowance. If, however, there are any outstanding issues that can be

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resolved by telephone conference, the Examiner is earnestly encouraged to telephone the undersigned representative.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-0013, under Order No. 66209-0001 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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